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Session 2: Electricity market design for high renewable systems

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Need for the evolution of power markets

To support the energy transition towards net zero carbon systems

Power market design is an important tool that can't be considered in isolation

- Clean and alternative fuel incentives and feed in tariffs
- Carbon pricing mechanisms
- Cross sector coupling
- Consumer protection

Requirements for successful competitive power markets

- Incentivize performance (system, plant level) and needed characteristics
- Adequately pay for needed longer-term plant investments
- Ensure reliability, stability and resilience and drive system efficiencies

Remuneration mechanisms to promote resource investment and operational signals for the energy transition



Electric power systems operated to least cost

Economics and location of physical assets drive operations

G PHYSICS

... maintain frequency and voltage





BALANCING ... deliver enough power to meet demand



Energy price mechanisms

Marginal energy prices pay as clear, reflecting least cost of efficient operation

- Promote market liquidity and price transparency
- Provide for creation of hedging instruments
- Price foundation for PPAs and CfDs
- Reflect externalities i.e., carbon pricing



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Locational marginal prices (LMP)

Reflect security constrained dispatch



 Less reflective of locational oversupply and scarcity pricing

Ref: Hitachi ABB Ventyx

e.g., PJM, '17 annual average prices





Capacity price mechanisms

Pay for demonstrated, dependable capacity:

- Ensure resource adequacy
- Provide forward prices (years) for long-term investment, supply "missing money"
- Technology agnostic, and may reflect specific essential reliability support services i.e., ramping

Dependable capacity can be assessed as Effective Load Carrying Capacity (ELCC) as VREs increase



Challenge: No one-size-fits all ... Existing system matters

Serving net load with high penetrations of renewables

Traditional ancillary services must be expanded



Essential reliability support services

Variable renewable energy (VREs), namely inverter-based resources don't provide the same system services as rotating equipment

- Operating Reserves: primary, secondary, tertiary (frequency response, spinning reserves and supplemental reserves)
- Fast frequency response products
- Ramping products
- Reactive power & dynamic voltage support
- Inertial response
- Black start and restoration

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Power market design to support the energy transition Ensure reliability, stability and resilience and drive system efficiencies

- Incentivize performance at both the system and plant level
- Incentivize needed plant characteristics to provide additional support services: fast ramping, fast frequency response, etc.
- Pay for needed plant investments to ensure longer-term system adequacy
- Promote cross sector coupling, T&D expansion, distributed energy resources and active demand-side management with prosumer participation and consumer protection



